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In re Application of

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**COARSE AND FINE
ELECTRONIC BOW
CORRECTION FOR A WRITER**

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 1.21

The Applicants have received and reviewed the Restriction Requirement dated September 9, 2002. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner outlines Species I of Figs. 1-8, and Species II of Figs. 1,2 and 9-14, and requires the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species to prosecute in the present application.

The Applicants elect with traverse the invention shown in Figs. 1-8, which is identified by the Examiner as Species I. The applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement because the claims to the present invention read on either of the two embodiments, which the Examiner as identified as Species I and Species II. Accordingly, the listing of claims that is readable on elected Species I, are Claims 1-30.

The Restriction Requirement is traversed because the Applicant believes that Claims 1-30 of the present invention are readable on both Species I and II. It is the Claims that define the invention, and each of the embodiments presented in the present application for invention supports the entire set of claims. The Applicant is at a loss to contrive some rational by which any of the claims is

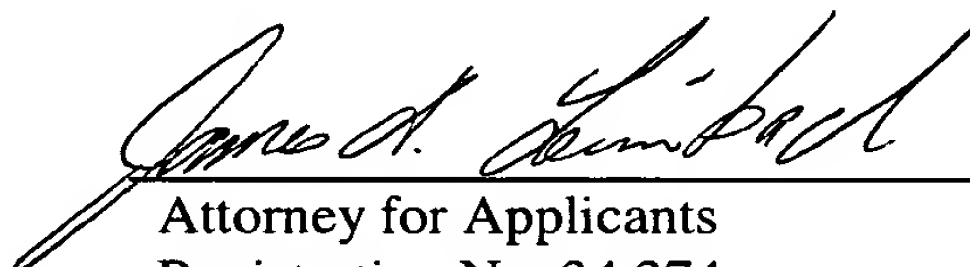
not supported by the arrangement of figures that the Examiner has chosen in making the restriction Requirement. Quite simply put, each claim can be read on each species and each claim is supported by both species. Therefore, nothing that is patentably distinct between the species as selected by the Examiner exists. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement.

The claims to the present invention that are illustrative of the elected Species 1 as shown in Figures 1-8 claims 1 through 30. If the Examiner should disagree with the election made by the Applicant for any reason, the Examiner is invited to discuss this issue further by contacting the attorney for the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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